demands of the several Departments are growing and several works of public utility have to be attended to.

I hope the Member for Cranganur will kindly ponder over the matter and any suggestion he may make would receive earnest consideration at the hands of the Government. The remedies he has suggested so far appear to be the apportionment of the 'Customs Revenue' to increase the receipts under Cranganur and the reduction of pension charges, cost of establishment, etc. As far as possible only officers drawing lower pay are posted to Cranganur, and the present charges on account of pension seem to be comparatively low when compared to the other option of paying pensionary contribution to the State like the Devaswam Department. Apart from the propriety or otherwise, the apportionment of the 'Customs Revenue' is fraught with difficulties, and I am not in a position to state anything positively on the point.

The year 1106 is expected to close with a net asset of Rs. 2,87,595 to the credit of the Principality as against Rs. 3,21,285 according to the actuals of 1104 and Rs. 3,10,425 according to the revised estimate for 1105.

Conclusion.

Sir,

In thus placing before you the budgetted programme for the next year, I hope that I have made an attempt not only to explain the dry facts and figures but also to show, in however feeble a manner it may be, how the budget is a reflection of the progressive ideals which the Government have set up before themselves to follow in advancing the material and moral interests of the people. Before resuming my seat it is now once more my most pleasant duty to pay my humble tribute to the Members of the Standing Finance Committee for the great pains taken by them and the valuable suggestions they have made in the course of the discussions of the budget which I have now presented.

President's Statement on the budget for 1106 M. E.

President.—The Hon'ble Finance Member has presented the budget for 1106 and delivered a very interesting and illuminating speech. He has referred to the salient features in the budget in as clear and full a manner as possible, and I have no doubt that all will agree with me in saying that he has played his part well and deserves our hearty congratulations.

In my statement on the budget of 1105 made immediately after the Finance Member concluded his speech, I made an attempt to explain our true financial position and to point out that the charge made against the Government of hoarding sur-

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